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CIA NEEDS A WATCHDOG
(SI: Paul Dispatch)

Recent exposes concerning the influence wielded by the central intelligence agency in the development and execution of U.S. foreign policy lends urgency to the campaign to set up a congressional watchdog committee on CIA activities.

Senator Eugene McCarthy's past failure to get action along this line is understandable in that the congress could not sit down the extent to which the secret agency influenced critical policy matters. But with the Cuban crisis the lid has come off the CIA. It is found making foreign policy in some areas, directing military operations in others and influencing broader policy considerations from a parochial and unrepresentative position.

Some superstitious necessity to determine whether the CIA and similar agencies are taking action without reasonable justification, with or without authority of statute or of resolution or of treaty commitment.

The U-2 flight in the Bay of Pigs fiasco demonstrated that the agency can't rely entirely on the executive branch to offset the agency's errors and miscalculations.

If nothing else a congressional watchdog group would be in a position to demand the CIA to account for its activities. What it responds to broad investigations is first and foremost setting it straight.